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**Press Release**

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**DDS Commissioner Macy Receives National Award**

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. received the **"2012 Presidents Award"** from the National Conference of Executives of The Arc (NCE) at their annual conference in Washington, D.C. The award was given "In recognition of his enduring commitment to the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities". It is awarded at the discretion of the NCE President and Dr. Macy is the first and only recipient to be honored in the past five years.

"I am deeply honored that my former Executive Director peers presented me with this very prestigious award", said Commissioner Macy. "This is a remarkably talented group of leaders from around the country and to receive this level of recognition from them is humbling".

NCE is a peer membership organization of over 300 local, state and national leaders of organizations serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The leaders meet each year with a common purpose; to improve their abilities to better serve their constituents and organizations. In addition to his participation with the national NCE, Dr. Macy has been an active member and leader of the Connecticut Conference of Executives of The Arc for many years.

For more information about NCE, please visit the website at [www.thearc.org/ncearc](http://www.thearc.org/ncearc)

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